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BODIES OF 400 P.O.Ws. ARRIVE

When H.M.S. "Amethyst" with L.C.T. 1151 arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday from Takao, Formosa, she brought back officers and men of the 62 Graves Concentration Unit and the bodies of 400 prisoners-of-war who had died in various prison camps in Formosa.

The unit spent over two months in Formosa and visited all the former prison camps, including the three at Taihoku and those at Karunko, Shirakawa, Inlin and Heilo.

All the bodies have been identified and will be buried in a cemetery at Sai Wan. The bodies are those of British, Australian and Dutch prisoners-of-war.

At Karunko, the body of Major General G. Beckwith-Smith, captured in Malaya, was identified. All the casualties of a B-24 which crashed in Formosa on its way from Manchuria with P.O.Ws. were identified. The American Graves Commission attended to their nationals and the bodies of the Netherlands and Australians have now been brought to Hong Kong.

The B-24 crashed on a high mountain and the first party of Japanese which attempted to reach it suffered heavily through exposure. The next party was more successful and the victims were buried on the scene of the crash.

CHISHOLM TO BE RELEASED

Washington, Aug. 28. The United States Department of Justice has authorized the Army to release Robert Chisholm, American newspaperman who has been held in Shanghai since he was arrested in 1945 in connection with an investigation of his radio broadcasts during the Japanese occupation.

A Department spokesman declined to elaborate reasons for his release.—Associated Press.

No H.K. Witnesses At Boon Trial

London, Aug. 27.

The court-martial here today, at which 49-year-old Major Cecil Boon of the Royal Army Service Corps pleaded not guilty to 11 charges of assisting the Japanese while he was a prisoner in Hong Kong, was adjourned until tomorrow, while the convening authority considers the submissions made by the defence.

Operation Shamrock

London, Aug. 27.

One hundred German children, on their way from the British Zone to stay in Elre for periods of up to two or three years, were entertained at the London Zoo today.

Under the scheme, known as "Operation Shamrock," nearly 200 orphans and members of large families, selected by German welfare organisations from big German towns, are being taken to Elre by the Irish Red Cross, which hopes to provide temporary accommodation for about 500.—Reuter.

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H. K. TO HAVE MUNICIPAL GOVT. H.E. The Governor's Report: Detailed Proposals Now To Be Formulated Tentative Plan Calls For 48 Councillors

"The establishment of a Municipal Council and the transference to it of some of the functions of the Government are generally regarded as constituting the most satisfactory methods of giving effect to the intentions of His Majesty's Government," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, in a radio broadcast last night on the subject of the Revision of Hong Kong's Constitution.

Reporting on the result of his requests to public associations and bodies, as well as individual members of the public, to send him their views on the subject of the proposed revision, Sir Mark said that, since the majority of comments and proposals dealt with the establishment of a Municipal Council, he will now formulate detailed proposals for bringing such a body into being and defining its functions and powers. Further written suggestions would be welcomed and he hoped to hold oral discussions as well.

In his radio address, His Excellency acknowledged with great appreciation the amount of trouble that had been taken by all concerned in preparing their comments and proposals. He paid a special tribute to the "China Mail" for its "well-designed questionnaire" on the subject of self-government for the Colony.

The most marked difference of opinion was on the method of selecting the Councillors, he said. He would put forward a proposal—which he stressed was a "tentative" one—for a Council of 48, made up of 16 elected by Chinese voters; 16 by voters of other races; and 16 appointed by nomination by professional and other bodies, half of which would be Chinese.

The franchise would be extended to all sections of the community, of both sexes, who were 25 years of age and over and who were "in other respects qualified." All electors would be registered in more than one division.

The full text of His Excellency's broadcast follows:—
The subject on which I am addressing you today is the proposed revision of the Constitution of Hong Kong.

It is, as you know, the declared intention of His Majesty's Government to carry out such a revision for the purpose of giving the citizens of Hong Kong a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs, and it was concerning this intention and this purpose that I was authorised to make a public announcement when I returned to Hong Kong in May last. I am going to quote to you one paragraph from that announcement:

"Before a decision is taken on the methods of giving effect to the intentions of His Majesty's Government, it is considered essential that the important issues involved should be thoroughly examined in Hong Kong itself, the fullest account being taken of the views and wishes of the inhabitants." The examination of these issues and the ascertainment of the views and wishes of the inhabitants have by now reached a stage which enables me to make to the public something in the nature of a progress report, and it is for that purpose that I am speaking to you today.

First Step

The first step that I took was to invite public bodies and associations, as well as individual members of the public, to express their views on the general question of the revision of the constitution and in particular to say whether they favoured the proposal that certain administrative functions should be transferred from the Central Government to a representative Municipal Council. They were asked, if they did favour this proposal, to give their views in some detail on various questions such as the manner in which the Council should be formed, the qualifications of both Councillors and electors, the functions which might appropriately be transferred by the Government to the Council, and other important points.

Before I proceed to analyse or comment upon the replies which have been received in response to this invitation, I wish to acknowledge with great appreciation the amount of trouble that has been taken and the thoughtful care which has been devoted, both by public bodies and by individuals, to the preparation of these replies. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1.)

"Sail Or Strike"

Singapore, Aug. 28.

Representatives of the crew of the 7,000-ton steamer "Sam Trent," managed by the Union Castle Line for the Ministry of Transport, today delivered a "sail or strike" ultimatum to Major-General G. N. Russell, transport adviser to Lord Killearn, Special Commissioner in Southeast Asia.

The men are protesting against the holdup of their ship in the Singapore Roads for nearly six weeks while the Ministry of Transport officials in London decide what is to be done with the ship's unwanted cargo of coal dust. The men said that the ship could be better used to carry foodstuffs than to wait for the disposal of the "useless" coal.

They emphasised that it was not a strike, as they were willing to sail the ship anywhere.

General Russell told the deputations that he had no power to give the ship sailing orders and that he was still awaiting a decision from the Ministry of Transport in London.—Reuter.

Reuter adds that the Union Castle Line in London today stated that while they managed the ships for the Ministry of Transport, the present position regarding the "Sam Trent" was "in no way their responsibility."

A Ministry of Transport official stated in London today: "We hope that the matter will be settled before the strike takes place."

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They were taken to the Karaoli detention camp.—Associated Press.

Raid Results
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STAND TO IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Aug. 27.

British troops in full battle array were moved into Bombay city today from a suburban camp to help the police in any emergency which may arise from a Moslem religious festival, which on Thursday will end a month's fast.

The police combed several "private arsenals" and confiscated large quantities of knives. Dealers in Lucknow were ordered to surrender their stocks, and in New Delhi, Lahore, Allahabad, Bangalore and other cities, a ban has been imposed on the assembling of more than five persons and on the carrying of firearms.

The festival was expected to take place tomorrow night, but has been delayed till Thursday as the moon was not sighted to night to signal the end of the Ramadan fasting period.

The Hindu festival of Ganesh (Elephant God) also falls on Thursday.

Hindu and Moslem leaders have appealed to both communities to be calm.—Reuter.

ANOTHER DAWN RAID

Jerusalem, Aug. 28.

Red-bereted troops of the Sixth Airborne Division were put into the Jewish villages of Dorot and Ruhama in the Gaza district at dawn and began a search for arms.

The first official announcement of the surprise raids did not disclose the number of troops involved or whether they encountered any opposition.

The two villages are situated in southwest Palestine. Both are comparatively new communal settlements on the edge of the desert.

While the raids were underway, other British forces conducted an intensive search of the Bukharan quarters in Jerusalem, largely occupied by Jews.—Associated Press.

Detained

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"DANGEROUS"

Calcutta, Aug. 28.

The recent proclamation of the Bengal Government, declaring that Calcutta and Hyderabad to be in a "disturbed and dangerous state," has been extended to certain areas adjoining Calcutta and Howrah.

The proclamation provides that in the event of future disturbances, inhabitants of the areas concerned may be liable to punitive fines.—Reuter.

Mufti Still Persona Non Grata

London, Aug. 27.

It is unlikely that the Mufti of Jerusalem will be accepted as the Arab representative of the September conference on Palestine, well-informed quarters in London believe.

It is thought that his acceptance would make it very difficult for Britain to oppose the selection of Jewish leaders now detained in Palestine as representatives of the Jewish Agency at the conference.

At the same time it is believed that the Mufti would refuse the invitation if extended to him despite the request of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee that he forms part of its delegation.

There is every reason to fear that when the conference meets it will plunge straight into a crisis in the discussion of its agenda unless conflicting points of view can be brought nearer during the next fortnight.

Jews and Arabs have both often declared that neither will consider the plans for partition or federation, but to the British Government the federal propo-

"U.S. Task Force" Off Greece

Washington, Aug. 28.

The United States has assigned a virtual naval task force headed by the mighty new aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt to visit Greece—target of the new Russian diplomatic offensive.

The display of naval strength is billed officially as a "visit of courtesy" but diplomats note that it will place American warships in the Aegean Sea across from Turkey, and not far from the entrance to the Dardanelles over which Moscow seeks a measure of control.

It also follows the action of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic in filing a demand with the United Nations Council for action against Greece as a disturber of the peace in the Balkans.

At the same time, Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson emphasized that the United States expects Marshal Tito to put into writing, his assurances—given orally last week—that:

(1)—Yugoslavia "deploras" the forcing down of an unarmed American transport by armed fighter planes, with the resulting loss of American lives.

(2)—He has given his armed forces orders that henceforth no foreign planes are to be shot at over Yugoslav soil.

These developments were underscored by diplomats primarily because of their possible effect on this country's relations with Russia—which has sided with Yugoslavia and been hostile toward the present Greek Government.

The carrier USS Roosevelt, accompanied by the light cruiser USS Little Rock and the destroyers USS Cane New and USS Curry, will visit Piraeus, port of Athens, from September 5 to September 9.

The destroyers USS Nes and Warrington, will visit Salonika.—Associated Press.

MRS. A. J. MARTIN'S LOSS

London, Aug. 28.

Mrs. Arthur John Martin, back in London from a Hong Kong prison camp, where her husband died, has been robbed of her jewellery—including her husband's C.B.E.

Mr. Martin was Consul-General in Chungking from 1940 until his death in 1942. He and Mrs. Martin had gone to Hong Kong and were captured when it fell. He had been in the consular service for 33 years.

"I received his decoration personally from the King," Mrs. Martin said. "It was with my marriage certificate and other personal belongings in two suitcases at my home in Kensington. I lost many of my possessions when we were taken prisoners by the Japanese and now nearly all that was left has gone."

The raid was made on Monday night while Mrs. Martin was out at dinner. The value of the lost jewellery is put at more than £1,000.—Reuter.

ASTONISHED!

The Hague, Aug. 27.

Official circles at The Hague today expressed astonishment at the charge made yesterday in the Soviet newspaper Pravda that Dutch authorities had refused to repatriate six Soviet citizens.

An official spokesman said today that nothing was known by the authorities of such refusal, or by the Soviet Ambassador at The Hague, who will ask Moscow for more information.—Reuter.

sals remain the starting-point of the conference.

The decision not to define the basis of the talks "has so far avoided a crisis over their scope, but as soon as the delegates are in London, observers fear grave difficulties will develop about what the conference is to discuss.—Reuter.

Seizure Of Plants In Austria

Paris, Aug. 27.

Dr. Karl Gruber, Minister in charge of the Austrian Foreign Office, declared today that Russia's seizure of former German-owned plants in Austria will strip the country of almost all her industry.

The Germans gained control of nearly all Austria's heavy industry, Dr. Gruber said. "More than 150 key plants in the Russian Zone of Austria are now being operated by and for the Russians in violation of the Nationalisation Act."

The seizures and steady Soviet opposition to the Nationalisation Bill had severely strained Russo-Austrian relations, he added.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

General Situation:—Pressure remains high over north-west China and the Dutch East Indies. A ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the Ryukyus. Pressure is low over south and east China, and a trough extends from French Indo-China to the Pacific eastwards to the Marianas. Today's forecast:—Moderate east winds, easterly showers continuing, unsettled with bright intervals alternating. Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: 87.5 deg. Minimum: 73.0 deg. Rainfall: 0.08 inches. Sunshine: 6.9 hours. Max. Rel. Humidity: 84 per cent.

PARIS CONFERENCE CLASH

Molotov's Insinuations Against Australia

Bitter Speech In Committee

Paris, Aug. 28.

The clash between Australia and Russia over reparations—which began with yesterday's submission of an Australian amendment proposing a separate reparations commission—continued bitterly today before the committee of the Paris Conference.

Mr. V. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, in a 40-minute speech to the Italian Economic Committee, accused the Australian delegation of being "tendentious and biased."

"All the actions of the Australian delegation are directed against the Soviet Union," Mr. Molotov said.

Declaring that Australia would approve any proposal not affecting Russia and oppose all proposals intended to defend Soviet interests on reparations, Mr. Molotov added: "The Australian delegation has almost drowned us in the pile of amendments they have put forward."

"This suggests there is someone who helped them. It is obvious that one delegation alone would be unable to prepare so many amendments. (Australia has submitted 73 amendments to the draft treaties with the former enemy powers)."

It was the Soviet Foreign Minister's second long speech against the Australian proposals in many days.

This morning, Mr. A. Bessley, Australia's chief delegate, banged the table violently with his fists while heatedly contending that the Russian delegation was trying to intimidate other delegations into agreeing with them.

Burden On Italy

In this evening's conflict, Mr. Molotov agreed that Soviet reparations would place a heavy burden on Italy, but said it would only cover one-fifth, or even one-twentieth, of the damage suffered. He declared that Russia had borne greater contribution in the war than Australia.

"If vanquished countries were made to pay reparations only in foreign currency," he said, "it would mean that they would be tied hand and foot with regard to prices at which they would have to sell their products."

"The Soviet Union is anxious to improve its relations with defeated powers. The Soviet does not want to impair the sovereignty of these countries, but the commission proposed by Australia would mean continual interference in their internal affairs."

Twist To Economy

In moving the Australian amendment, Mr. Walker had said that Australia was not against the principle of reparations, and had no intention of proposing a reduction of the total figure—\$100,000,000 to the Soviet. But Australia did not favour payment in kind by bilateral agreement, which might give a twist to the economy of the paying country, so that it would have to go on for many years trying to find a market for certain commodities in the claimant country. Nor did she favour the suggestion that surplus war materials should be divided among the claimants. It should be destroyed.

Sylvain Mangot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in Paris,

EVIDENCE AGAINST MUFTI

Washington, Aug. 27. Mr. Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, told pressmen tonight that the State Department held captured German documents involving the Mufti of Jerusalem. He declined to disclose the contents of the documents which, he said, would be published with others in due course.—Reuter.

Polish Policy Statement

Warsaw, Aug. 28. Vice-President Szwalbe, of Poland speaking before the Chief Council of the Socialist Party here, demanded that Britain put an end to "Churchill politics in relation to Poland". The Vice-President added that friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union would be the corner stone of Polish foreign policy, and that territorial differences with the Czechs should not impede the growth of friendly relations with Czechoslovakia. Meanwhile, Government controlled newspapers continued to attack alleged Anglo-Saxon interferences in Poland's political affairs, and British retention of Polish gold until after Poland

U.S. Joins World Court

Washington, Aug. 27. The United States today officially placed itself under the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

A declaration by President Truman recognising the Court's jurisdiction, as authorised by the Senate on Aug. 2, was deposited with the United Nations at Lake Success at New Jersey.

Ambassador Herschel Johnson, acting United States representative at the United Nations, said in an accompanying letter that the action offers "further testimony of the determination of my Government to do all in its power to assure that the United Nations will fulfill the role assigned to it, which is nothing less than preservation of world peace."—Associated Press.

up the work of the Paris Conference. But informed observers in London think it is too early to assume that a new session of the Council of Foreign Ministers is about to open. This will depend on the reaction of other great powers to the proposals which Mr. Bevin is taking with him.—Reuter.

SIAM RICE DUE IN CANTON NOW

Canton, Aug. 27.

More than 8,800 tons of Siam rice are expected here momentarily from Hong Kong to be used as part of the so-called "work relief food", especially allocated to the Pearl River Conservancy Bureau for carrying out all major dyke repair projects in the delta area, according to Dr. D. Y. Lin, director of CNRRA Kwangtung Regional Office.

Now that the harvest is almost over, farm labourers are available for the various dyke projects and Mr. Lin explained that thousands of these labourers will be employed during the coming months and will be paid by means of this rice.

Dr. Lin has cancelled his projected trip to Copenhagen for an agricultural and food conference. Pressure of work here forced the cancellation.

Dr. Lin will leave here, however, for Nanking to take part in a CNRRA conference the first week of September.

Meanwhile shipments of 2,150 tons of CNRRA foodstuffs arrived here for Hengyang in Hunan by the Canton-Hankow railway during the first three weeks in August, creating a new record in relief supplies to the interior from Canton. They consisted of 2,000 tons of rice, 300 cases of dry skim milk, 770 cases of corned beef, 600 cases of noodles, 80 cases of mutton and 2,100 cases of pork and beans.

Scheduled for early shipment are 600 tons of fertilizer in time for use on the summer crops.—Associated Press.

INDIA'S NEW COMMISSIONER

London, Aug. 27.

While the identity of the first British High Commissioner to India is still an official secret, it is believed that the post has been accepted by a well-known Foreign Office diplomat.

His name is expected to be announced before many days are over as he is to take up his new duties in India about the beginning of November.

What these duties will be will obviously depend upon future political developments in India and whether the future Indian Government decide to remain in the British Commonwealth or not.—Reuter.

Washington, Aug. 27. The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at a press conference today described the failure of the Moslem League to take part in the interim Government of India as "regrettable," but expressed a hope it would eventually do so.—Reuter.

has held free elections.—Associated Press.

Further American Protests

Washington, Aug. 28.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, told his press conference tonight that the United States Government had protested, and would continue to protest, against certain border episodes along the Morgan Line-Italo-Yugoslav frontier region of Venezia Giulia—involving shooting between Yugoslav forces and Allied Occupation troops.

Mr. Acheson expressed the hope that such episodes involving the violation of frontiers would cease.

Discussions with Yugoslavia were proceeding through normal diplomatic channels, he said.

The present position did not preclude the United States Government from taking the matter to the United Nations Security Council, but the only reason for going to the Council would be if there was a threat to peace.

Mr. Acheson described as "stalemate" and "deadlock" the position of the Big Four discussions on the de-militarisation of the German army and production of military material in the occupation zones of Germany.

He recalled that the United States had unsuccessfully proposed that all questions relating to de-militarisation of the German army and production of military material in Germany should be decided by a tripartite commission. In the absence of such a commission, the United States had no way of investigating the charges that Russians were manufacturing armaments in their zone.—Reuter.

Regional Council In Pacific

Canberra, Aug. 28.

Australia is seeking the establishment of a Pacific regional council of the United Nations with headquarters in Australia and is receiving strong support from the British and New Zealand Governments, sources close to the Australian Government said on Tuesday.

The Australian plan envisages the participation of the United States, France, the Netherlands, Portugal and possibly China.

An informant said a conference of British Commonwealth countries probably will be held in Canberra in January for general discussion of Pacific problems.—Associated Press.

BIG FOUR TO MEET

Paris, Aug. 28.

United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin have agreed to call a meeting of the Foreign Ministers' Council tomorrow to find some way of speeding up the work of the Paris Peace Conference which appears to have bogged down. American sources said today.

Bevin is expected to return to Paris tomorrow.—Associated Press.

San Francisco Strike Threat

San Francisco, Aug. 28.

A tie-up of all passenger and dry cargo ships on the Pacific coast appeared likely as members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific voted to take a strike vote to become effective on September 4. Some 1,800 members in San Francisco voted unanimously for a strike and reports from Seattle, Portland, Honolulu and New York indicated similar results.

The action follows the rejection, by the Wage Stabilization Board, of wage increases negotiated by the Union.—Associated Press.

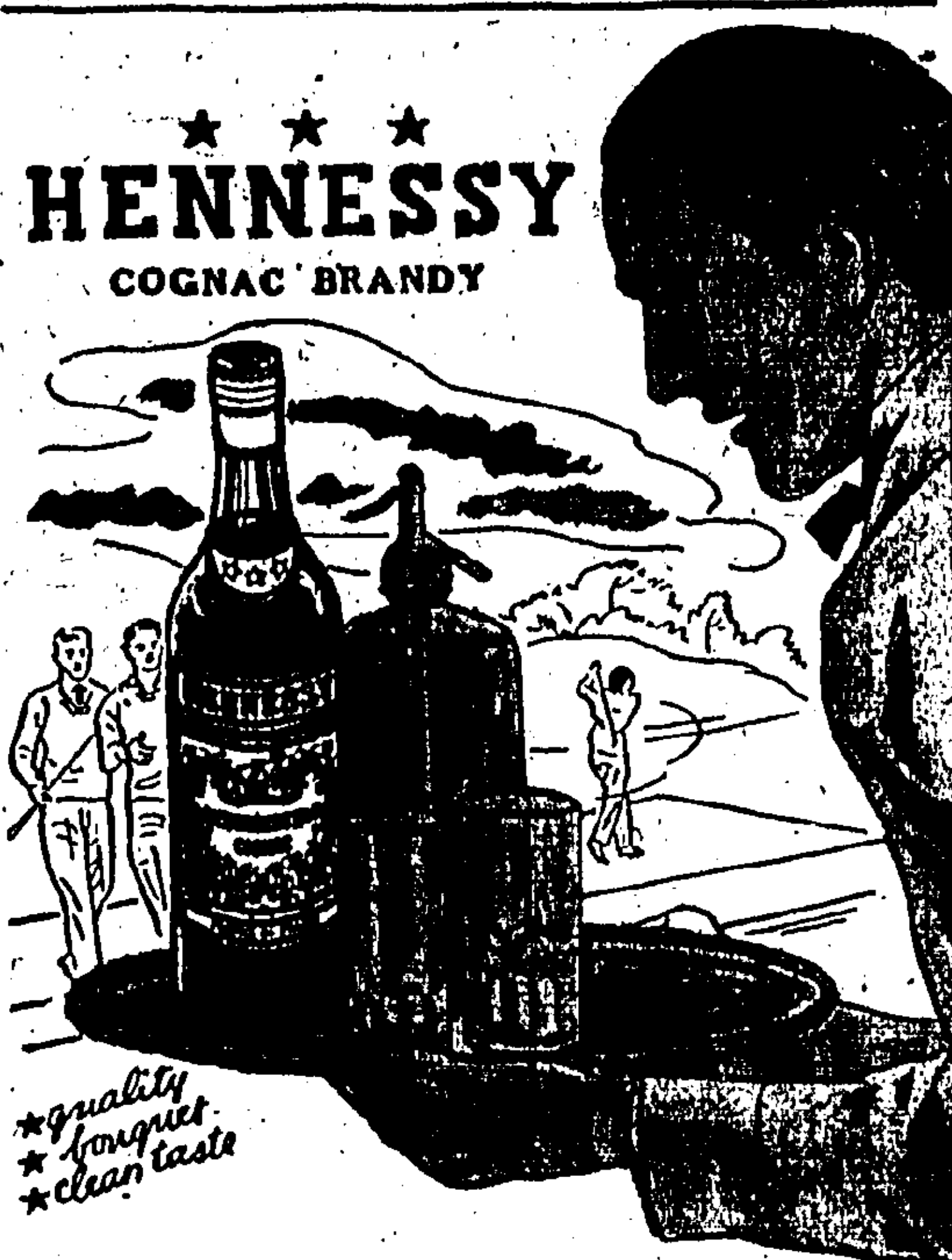
Milan Tragedy

Milan, Aug. 27. Wealthy visitors to the mountain resort of Di Cas Rozza San Martino were shocked today by the tragedy of a multi-millionaire girl, Maria Miazzi, member of a well-known Padua family, found dead in circumstances pointing to suicide.

It had been discovered that the girl had been stealing women's underwear, macintoshes, camera and jewels in a hotel, and had confessed to the thefts. Out of deference to the family, the girl was not reported to the police, but later she retired to her room, and was later found suffering from effects of poison, from which she died.—Reuter.

London, Aug. 27.

The Moscow Radio reports that in a leading article today on education in Russia, the Pravda says: "Soviet youth must be educated in a spirit of Communist scientific philosophy, and this must be the basis of all educational work in every school and by every teacher."—Reuter.



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WONG KUEN COMMITTED

The case against Wong Kuen, alleged collaborator, charged with seven counts under the Defence Regulations, was concluded at the Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada yesterday. He was committed for trial.

Mr. R. S. Smith conducted the prosecution of the case. In further evidence, Ip Huk-kan, eldest son of Yip Tin-sang, said he was arrested by a party of five persons, a Japanese, interpreter Lau Sau-fook, Cheng Kwan and others. His father and brother and a friend Lau Hei-lit were arrested at the same time. He was taken to the Supreme Court. On July 30, he was taken out from his cell and interrogated for about half an hour. They said he was a fool, his friends had been arrested, and that some had already confessed. Accused and Mok threatened to strike him with a wooden pole, and told him to lie on the floor face downward.

Lau Hei-lit, 32, said that during the occupation, he was arrested by Wong Kuen. He was in his friend's house No. 116, Prince Edward Road. He saw accused while he was tortured by two Japanese named Sano and Hanada.

After formal evidence by A.S.P. Tuckett, who conducted the identification parade on June 12, 1946, and by Inspector C.A. Kriloff, accused was committed for trial.

Wedding

The wedding of Mr. Kenneth Forrow of the Audit Department and Miss Catherine Burton-Fraser took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's Church.

The Rev. Fr. Riganti officiated and the bride was given away by Mr. Arnold Pollard of the Audit Office. The best man was Mr. C. F. Needham.

A reception was later held at the Hong Kong Hotel.

"Ken" Forrow is the captain of the soccer team of the Hong Kong Club and has represented Hong Kong in interport soccer against Macao, Saigon and Shanghai.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton-Fraser of Dun Laoghaire, Ireland and has been in the Colony for only a short while.

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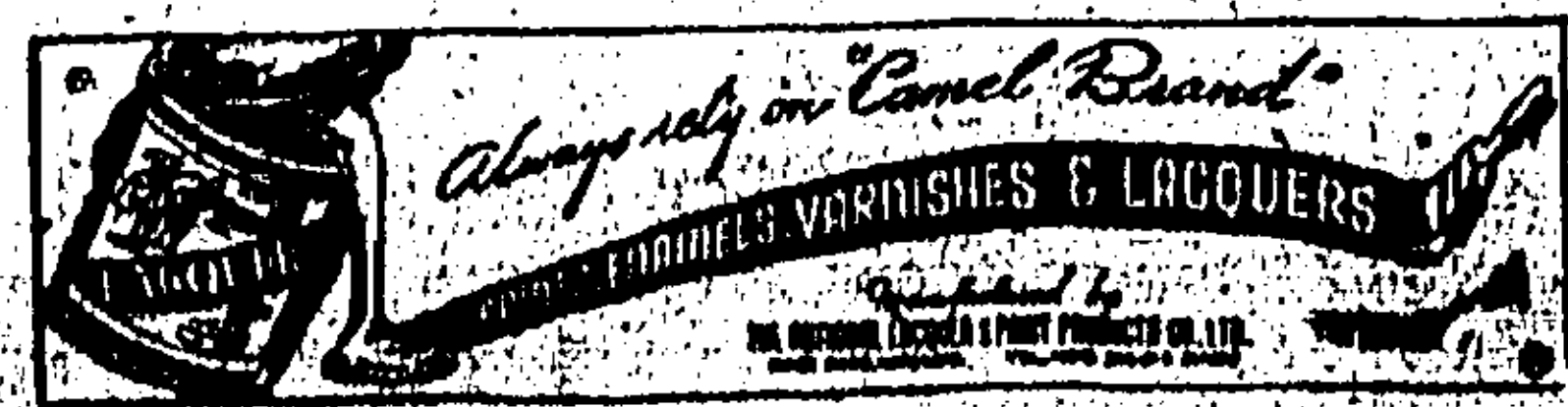
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H.K. Realty And Trust Co.'s War Loss Of \$75,633

War losses totalling \$75,633.45 which included normal depreciation charges; no material damage to property excepting the loot of contents and lack of maintenance; the sale of the Company's six bungalows at Repulse Bay; and the fact that the "Lido" is still under occupation by NAAFI/EFI, were the highlights of Mr. J. Fleming's speech when he presided at yesterday's meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd. held at Exchange Building.

Mr. Fleming was supported by Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. F. C. Barry, Mr. E. M. Raymond and Mr. P. K. Kwok (Directors).

"Opening the meeting the Chairman said:

"The last Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company was held on the 19th. March, 1941, and in view of the lapse of time to date, it is deemed necessary that the appointments and acts of the Directors of the Company since the prior date should be subject to your confirmation and approval. After the Japanese surrender the then available members of the Board, as constituted in 1941, took over the affairs of the Company and have managed them as if regularly constituted. I, therefore, propose the following Resolution—

"That the appointments and acts of all the Directors, subsequent to the last Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company and up to the date of this Meeting, be hereby approved and ratified."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. R. A. Dastur and carried unanimously.

Continuing the Chairman said: "The opportunity has now been taken to change the end of the Company's financial year to the 30th. April annually; the Company's revenue primarily emanating from dividends on investments, it is considered more appropriate, in the circumstances, to close the Books at such date. This will explain the reason for the publication of an operating and accounting statement for the period of eight months only.

Before dealing with the Accounts, I must express the great regret of the Board, and I am sure the Shareholders also, over the death of one of the Directors, Mr. T. E. Pearce, who was killed in action against the enemy, on the 19th. December, 1941. The sympathy of us all goes out to his bereaved Widow and Family.

The Accounts for 1941 do not appear to call for particular comment from me, the profit for the year, including the sum brought forward from the preceding year, making available a

credit balance in the Profit and Loss Account of \$72,469.04.

War Losses

The War Losses Account, including provision for normal depreciation charges which would have been made during the 3 years and 8 months period involved, shows a total of \$75,633.45 which has been debited to the Profit & Loss Account at the 30th. April, 1946. I am pleased to state that none of the Company's properties suffered any material damage, other than that brought about by dearth of maintenance, but the contents in many instances were removed and it has been considered prudent to write off such items as a total loss, particularly as the remaining unlooted contents, through lack of repair, require extensive reconditioning.

The Balance Sheet at the 30th. April, 1946, reflects the losses sustained and shows, after their writing off, the small balance of \$7,351.04 to the debit of the Profit & Loss Account, which it is proposed to carry forward to new account. I would particularly draw your attention to the Note on this Balance Sheet to the effect that no provision has been made for any interest that may become chargeable on the blocked overdraft account during the war and post-war periods. No Share market values are available in respect of the Company's Investments but it is hoped that when the Stock Exchange can again operate, values will be maintained on a somewhat higher plane than in 1941. For the greater part of the eight months period under review, your Buildings at Repulse Bay were under requisition and the "Lido" is still under occupation by the N.A.A.F.I./E.F.I.

Bungalows Sold

I would submit, Gentlemen, there is nothing further in these Accounts to which I can usefully refer, but before closing I would inform you that recently the six Bungalows and the undeveloped property known as R.B.L.367, at Repulse Bay, were sold for sale at factory rates, eliminating the overdraft, the interest on which for so many years was a great handicap in our operations."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts. This was seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond and passed unanimously.

Sir Shouson Chow proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. F. C. Barry, who will continue to act as Secretary, as a Director, and the re-election of Mr. J. Fleming and Mr. E. M. Raymond as Directors. Mr. P. K. Kwok seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. were re-appointed auditors on the motion of Mr. F. C. Barry, seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond.

MONEY MART

Chinese National Currency was more or less stationary yesterday. Futures' opened at \$1.29 to CN \$1,000 and spot \$1.41; and they closed at \$1.29 and \$1.43 respectively.

Gold price dropped from \$345 a tael at the opening to \$338 at the close.

U.S. dollars were in quiet demand at \$4.55/\$4.60. Sterling had buyers at \$15.50, and Australian pounds at \$12.68.

FERRY ARBITRATION

The Arbitration Board set up by Government to arbitrate in the ferry dispute concluded its sittings on Tuesday, and its award is expected to be announced in the course of the next few days.

CANTON GOVT. AND THE PRESS

Canton, Aug. 28.

The city government has promised better facilities to the press in the expectation that in the next press conference, more newspaper reporters will take part.

In his first press conference on Aug. 24, Mayor Auyang Kui met practically no newspaper reporters, who kept away as a protest against non-cooperation on the part of municipal officials in giving news. They said the city government cared to give out only publicity.

Only representatives of two local Chinese news agencies and two newspaper publishers were present, despite the fact that the Mayor had prepared a variety of refreshments and a report on municipal affairs. The Mayor undertook that from now on every facility will be granted to newspaper reporters. Newspapers also found fault with Police Chief Li Tihon, who was not so cooperative with reporters as his predecessor, Li Kuo-chun. The police head does not care to see reporters and if he has any news in his favour he prepares a "handout" and releases it to the press. "You fellows lounge too much" was his reply to newsmen who asked him why he often declined to be interviewed. —Associated Press.

PIRATES IN MIRS BAY

Pirates raided two villages on the North East coast of Mirs Bay on Monday night and while intimidating the inhabitants caused one serious and several minor casualties.

The pirates first attacked Sha-U Chung and then visited Tai Long. An Infantry Landing craft manned by a Naval crew was sent to Tai Long from Hong Kong on Tuesday morning to carry out an investigation and it was found that police and a medical officer from Sai Kung had already arrived.

Villagers who had suffered minor injuries were given medical aid and the serious casualty was sent to the military Hospital, Kowloon.

Budapest, Aug. 27.

The Hungarian bread ration is to be increased from September 1. The normal daily ration goes up from seven ounces to seven and a half ounces, that of heavy workers will be increased to 14-1/3 ounces and light workers' ration rises to nearly 11 ounces. —Reuter.

Saw Naval Truck On Hillside

The case against Able Seaman Sydney Ernest Pearson, charged with the manslaughter of Betty Kwok, on February 17, was continued before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Thomas William Prior, Chief Petty Officer, in witness box, said that on February 18, he was told to go to Shauiwan.

On arrival, Mr. Kellett took him to a spot below Island Road. There he saw a 15 cwt. naval truck, on the hillside with the nose facing Island Road.

The car was damaged, all the front springs were broken. The front wheel drive was broken off, and the steering wheel was buckled.

During a search, a glove and a black leather ladies' high heel shoe without heel were found.

As the party went up to Island Road, he found the condition of the road to be dry and smooth. Loose rocks on the side of the road were clear of the tar-mac surface. The road was almost straight.

ARRIVALS

Among new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel are Mr. G. Gormack, Mr. and Mrs. Gormack, Mr. P. M. Davis, Mr. P. G. Sullivan, Mr. A. A. Davis, Mr. J. Davis, Mr. J. M. Wilson, Mr. J. Sullivan, Mr. J. Cook and Col. H. J. Reave.

Secret Sale Of U.S. Arms Denied

Shanghai, Aug. 28.

United States Secretary of War Patterson and Foreign Liquidation Commissioner McCabe categorically denied today Chinese Communist charges that surplus American military equipment are to be sold secretly to the Chinese Government.

"No ammunition, no aeroplanes of any type nor other purely military items are among the surpluses now being offered to China," they said in a joint statement.

"If a sale of surplus property to China is successfully concluded, it won't be by secret agreement," the statement added. "Negotiations are under way for the sale of an estimated \$500,000,000 worth of civilian items which would be of 'vast benefit to China and its peace-time economy,' they said.

The statement also denied Communist charges that valuable civil air rights over China were part of the consideration in the alleged sale. A civil air agreement is being discussed with China by the State Department, the statement declared.

Mitchells

American B-25 (Mitchell) bomber planes, included in the Foreign Liquidation Commission sale of surplus property to the Chinese Air Transport Corporation, were sold as salvage and spare parts use only, McCabe announced.

In a written statement, McCabe said that these uses were specifically agreed to by Central Air and, furthermore, CATC officials yesterday reiterated their intention to abide by the agreement and salvage the planes.

"Steps have been taken to reduce them to scrap immediately. These planes will never be flown by anyone. TFC will take full action to see that the terms of the sales contract are followed out." —Associated Press.

Sequel To Raid On Opium Den

A story of how nine armed men robbed an opium den in Lockhart Road on June 3 and of how one of them attempted to kill a Chinese detective when he was cornered in street after the robbery was related by Mr. E. H. Sainsbury, Assistant Crown Solicitor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

This was before Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, Chan Hin-ning and Ng Shing were charged with armed robbery. Chan was additionally charged with the attempted murder of Hui Hoi, a Chinese detective. They pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged by the Crown that nine armed men including both the accused, ran away. One of the inmates, Li Yat, followed them but they scattered on reaching the street. He followed the two accused and when they passed No. 2 Police Station he reported to the Police.

Sub-inspector Bell, a Chinese detective and a Constable left the station with Li. Near the intersection of Gloucester and Fleming Roads, they came across the two accused.

The police shouted to them to raise their hands. Ng put up his hands but Chan drew a revolver and fired wounding the detective in his leg. The police managed to arrest Ng, who was searched but no arms were found on him.

Chan, who succeeded in escaping that night, was found wounded by a woman on the staircase of a house in Percival Street the next morning. She informed the police and Chan was arrested.

Both denied their presence in the opium den that night. The case was adjourned to this morning.

San Francisco, Aug. 28. Four hundred Protestant missionaries returning to China and the Philippines sail from here on Sept. 9 aboard the Marine Lynx, the Foreign Mission's conference of North America announced today.

Originally scheduled to leave on Aug. 25, they are the vanguard of approximately 8,000 returning to field service in East Asia and the Pacific Islands. —Associated Press.

Manslaughter Charge Against Officer

The trial on a charge of manslaughter of Sub-Lieut. James Anderson Dixon, of the R.N.V.R., opened before Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C., Acting Puisne Judge, in the Supreme Court yesterday. The Crown alleged Dixon killed a Chinese woman on June 8, while driving a lorry along Waterloo Road. Dixon pleaded not guilty to the unlawful killing of Mak Siu-ying, married woman.

Outlining the case for the Crown Mr. A. Lonsdale said that at about 10.30 p.m. on July 8, Miss K. S. Richardson (W.V.S.) and three R.A.F. boys—Sgts. John Edward, George Hines and B. Wilks—were walking along Nathan Road toward Waterloo Road when Dixon offered them a lift to Kai Tak airfield. Miss Richardson got into the front seat, next to Dixon, while the others got into the back.

Near Argyle Street, Miss Richardson saw a Chinese couple walking in the same direction just off the pavement. She warned Dixon to be careful. The truck knocked down the woman.

One of the R.A.F. men shouted to the accused to stop but he carried on for another 50 yards or so before doing so.

Dr. Szeto Onward, of Kowloon Hospital, who treated the Chinese woman before her death, told the Court he found a wound on her left forehead and another two on her forehead. He could not find any bruises on her body. The cause of death was direct violence and shock.

In reply to Mr. Bernacchi (for the defence) Dr. Szeto Onward said that he did not think the blows on her head were too violent because there was no fracture of skull.

He agreed that the woman might have been hit on her head by the side of the truck as there were no bruises on her body. Had she been hit by the front of the vehicle, he would have expected greater injuries.

Became Nervous

Miss K. S. Richardson said that while walking along Nathan Road with three R.A.F. boys Dixon offered them a lift. It seemed to her, he had some difficulties changing gear. As he swerved the truck from the pavement to about four feet away continuously along Waterloo Road, she became nervous. She cautioned him twice and told him to be careful when she saw a Chinese couple walking near the pavement, with the woman on the right hand side of the man.

It seemed to her the woman was hit by the left front of the vehicle. She told Dixon: "You hit her! You killed her!" She had to ask him to stop and he finally did. She and the R.A.F. boys got out of the truck and ran towards the scene. A civilian car came along and took the injured woman to Kowloon Hospital. When they walked back towards the truck, it had gone.

Replying to Mr. Bernacchi, Miss Richardson agreed that she had told the Magistrate at the committal proceedings that Dixon was driving about four feet from the pavement. She also agreed that there were dark spots on the road near the accident.

Sub-inspector W. H. Cowie said that he interviewed Dixon at the Harbour View Hotel. Accused denied any knowledge of the accident and said that at the time he was entertaining a few friends.

An identification parade was held the following day, and

Malaria

In reply to Mr. Bernacchi, witness said that accused might have been suffering from an attack of malaria when he questioned him.

Called by the Defence, Major Malhaura, Army Health Officer, said that on the night of June 11 he saw the accused at the Harbour View Hotel. His temperature was between 100 and 101.5 degrees.

Testifying on his own behalf in the witness box, Dixon said that he was doing between 20 and 25 m.p.h. along Waterloo Road. When Miss Richardson first told him of the accident, he said he did not think he had hit any one. She insisted he stop. He did and they got out.

When he did not see them come back after three or four minutes, he drove away. He picked up a few sailors and went back to the hotel. He borrowed the vehicle from an Army officer and had no knowledge of the accident. He had had many years driving experience in Australia and Italy.

The case was adjourned to this morning.

COSMO CLUB MURAL

At the Cosmo Club yesterday, a mural by Mr. Leung Wing Tai commissioned by the Club last July, was officially unveiled.

The artist was introduced to members of the Club and their friends during an informal ceremony.

Mr. Leung, who is only 26, has followed a career in art since the age of 19, having worked in Shanghai before the war. Amongst other accomplishments he has published a book of woodcuts. This is his first mural.

Mr. Leung has presented a group dancing in the manner of European folk-dancers and has in this way suggested the international flavour of the Cosmo Club. The dancers are not of any particular country or class but one might call them citizens of the world.

MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA

London, Aug. 27. Acting-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, who received a viscounty in the King's Birthday Honours, has taken the title of Viscount Mountbatten of Burma of Romsey, in the county of Southampton (Hampshire), states tonight's London Gazette.

If there is no male issue, the title goes to his eldest daughter, Patricia Victoria Mountbatten, who will become Viscountess Mountbatten of Burma.—Reuter.

Novel Defence

An argument that the Hong Kong Electric Company should be more concerned with the supply of electricity to respectable families, in districts now partly in darkness while restaurants and dance halls had lights in full swing, was advanced by Wong Kai-woon, of No. 25, Blue Pool Road, before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when he was charged with fraudulently abstracting electricity for his own use.

It was alleged that during an inspection by a Hong Kong Electric Company employee at No. 25, Blue Pool Road, the wire was found to be connected with the street main, instead of passing through the meter.

Accused told the Court that he had applied for a meter, and paid his deposit on June 4. Electricity was still not supplied.

As a result of the inconvenience, he was advised by the electrician who installed the fixture, to write in to the Company, which he did. Shortly after the letter, he received a reply. About two days later, there were lights. He did not know that his wiring was

not connected with his own meter. Mr. A. C. Butler, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, said it was a very serious offence, as electricity is at present limited during the evening. Recently, there had been many cases of a similar nature.

Mr. She said he felt this was not a case of deliberate theft of electricity and discharged defendant with a caution.

Paris, Aug. 27.

The French National Railways announced today that travel between France and Italy by way of Modena will be reestablished on September 2.

Vivid Story Of Sinking Of The "Lisbon Maru"

Mr. F. K. Garton, of Government Wireless, a witness for the prosecution at yesterday's War Crimes Trial, told a vivid story of his experiences before and after the sinking of the "Lisbon Maru" which was torpedoed whilst on its way to Japan from Hong Kong with British and Canadian prisoners-of-war.

Accused, Nilmori Genichiro, who informed the President of the Court that he could speak English, evinced great interest in the proceedings and listened carefully to all that was said.

The proceedings attracted many European spectators. The case is being heard before Lieut. Col. J. C. Stewart (Deputy of the JAG in India) President and Major M. I. Ormsby (The West Yorkshire Regiment) and Captain B. N. Kaul (The Frontier Force Regiment) Members.

The prosecution is being conducted by Major G. B. Puddicombe (Victoria Rifles of Canada). Accused is being defended by Messrs. Takahashi Mikio and Nibun Yurito with Major W. M. Gray, Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) as Adviser.

The accused is charged on eight counts of having committed War Crimes at Hong Kong, on the High Seas and at Shanghai, between Sept. 27, 1942 and August 1945.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Major Puddicombe said:

The accused Nilmori Genichiro was the Chief Interpreter to the Prisoner of War Camp Staff in the Hongkong Area from early 1942 until the Japanese surrender. He wielded considerable personal power and in no way confined himself to the duties of an interpreter. Evidence will be submitted that he exercised executive authority over British and Canadian prisoners of war and that in his dealings with them he was at all times callous and brutal.

On September 25, 1942, a draft of 1816 British prisoners of war was embarked in the ss Lisbon Maru for transport to Japan. The prisoners of war were herded into the three holds of this ship, the Royal Navy being in No. 1 hold in the fore-part; the 2nd Bn Royal Scots and the 1st Bn Middlesex and other small units in No. 2 hold; and a mixed draft composed chiefly of Royal Artillery in No. 3 hold. There were also on board some 2,000 Japanese troops returning home. Under the most appalling conditions of overcrowding, the ship sailed on September 27, 1942, and on board, as interpreter, was the accused.

Battered Down

On October 1, 1942, at about 7 a.m. the ship was struck by a torpedo. Immediately following the explosion all prisoners of war on deck were driven into the holds, over which guards were placed, and shortly afterwards the hatches were battered down; tarpaulins were placed over the hatches and roped down. It will be in evidence that this was done on the orders of Nilmori. It will also be deposed to by RSM R.H. Challis in an affidavit made by him that before the hatches were battered down, he saw Nilmori with a Japanese sentry, at the entrance to No. 2 hold; that he saw Nilmori not towards the hold and heard him rap out an order in Japanese whereupon one of the Japanese fired his rifle into the hold where British prisoners were.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Friday, 30th August, 1946, the General Post Office and Kowloon C.P.O. will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. for sale of Stamps only and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no delivery of ordinary correspondence by Postmen.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 15 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29
Macao and Tientsin (Kwong Pook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Tientsin (Kwongchowwan) (Tientsin) 9.00 a.m.
Strait (Tak Sang) (Par.) 11.30 a.m. (Ord.) Noon
Shanghai (Hanyang) 2.00 p.m.
Hankow (Empire Park) 3 a.m.
Cebu P.I. (Banzai) 3.00 p.m.
Almali for Amoy and Poochow (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.00 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Ningbo and Peiping (C.A.T.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.00 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Kongmoon (Fok Hei) 4.00 p.m.
Canton (Patsan) 4.00 p.m.

on the back and chest with a leather belt. Dr. Anderson will state that Nilmori created an atmosphere of terror in the hospital for three or four days, whilst he interrogated these men and that this had an adverse effect on the health of the patients in the hospital and caused one man to attempt suicide.

On or about August 24, 1944, Mr. Zindel, International Red Cross Representative in Hong Kong, went to Shamshuipo Camp. Although nobody was allowed to speak to Mr. Zindel during an inspection, Lieut. Barnett determined to acquaint him of the fact that prisoners were almost dying of hunger. Accordingly, as Mr. Zindel passed along the ranks, Lieut. Barnett stepped forward and told him that the prisoners were not getting enough to eat. The accused aimed a blow at Lieut. Barnett but was restrained by Col. Tokunaga who was also present. Lieut. Barnett was then hustled away to the ration store where he was left alone for a time, but was later badly beaten by the Japanese Camp Staff. Finally he was released on August 11 on his signing a statement accepting responsibility for the consequences of his act.

About four days after his release, when in hospital as a result of the beatings, accused, went to the hospital at about midnight, accompanied by one Tanaka, ordered Lieut. Barnett out of bed and gave him a savage beating on the tramped-up charge that Lieut. Barnett had been too near the Camp boundary fence. Lieut. Barnett was struck about a hundred times and the beating continued in spite of protests by other prisoners of war who were present.

No Reason

While the P.O.W.s were thus mistreated, accused was dashing about slashing at them with a piece of wood for no apparent reason whatever. This went on for about two hours. Accused was not striking the men the whole of the period. There were other Japanese there, but accused seemed to be in charge by the way he acted and took the initiative. The general attitude of accused towards British prisoners of war was very antagonistic. They were given no food. Witness had no food for three days. On board the "Shinzo Maru" they were given a little soup. He did not see accused on the "Shinzo Maru."

Cross-examined by Mr. Takahashi Mikio, witness said he first came to know accused by sight in Shamshuipo, where he acted as interpreter. Witness did not know if any British prisoners-of-war acted as interpreters on board the "Lisbon Maru."

Witness and others were not sent to Japan because they were specialists in any line. They were just sent in a bunch to do ordinary work. He did not know the number of patients on board the "Lisbon Maru" but all prisoners were supposed to be well.

Re-examined by Major Puddicombe, witness stated that prisoners of war were medically examined prior to departure for Japan. The throats of prisoners were examined, a stool test taken and a few inoculations given.

Questioned by the President, witness said he never saw Lieut. Wada on board the "Lisbon Maru." He did not know if accused had anything to do with the battering down of the hatches. He definitely saw accused striking the prisoners mustered on the quay at Shanghai.

Hearing was adjourned till 10 a.m. this morning.

P.O.W.'s Story

The next witness was Mr. F. K. Garton, who testified that he was taken prisoner of war in Hong Kong on Dec. 26, 1941. He remained in Shamshuipo until September 1942. Prisoners were then mustered and told by the No. 1 of the Camp that they were going to be sent to a very fine country with good climate, where they would be put to work. The No. 1 spoke in Japanese and accused acted as interpreter. They boarded the "Lisbon Maru" on Sept. 25, 1942 and the ship left Hong Kong on Sept. 27. The prisoners of war were placed in various holds. Witness was in No. 1 hold with Naval prisoners. Conditions were appalling. It was so overcrowded that men were sleeping with their feet against the next man's shoulders. Before the ship was torpedoed, no one was allowed on deck except to obey calls of nature. The officer in charge on board ship was a person named Lieut. Wada. The position of accused was, as far as witness could make out, that of interpreter. The prisoners were, on the whole, weak; some were suffering from beri beri, malaria, dysentery and diphtheria.

Hatch Closed

The dysentery patients were kept on deck and on one occasion, accused, in referring to a dysentery patient, said: "Take the—downstairs and let him die there." The "Lisbon Maru" was torpedoed on the morning of Oct. 1, 1942 at about 7 a.m. She went down at about 11.30 a.m. on Oct. 2, 1942. After the ship had been struck the sick prisoners on deck were sent down into the hold. The hatch cover was partly closed. The lights failed and just before dusk the hatch covers were completely battered down and covered with canvas. It was stifling. Witness did not see who gave

the order for the closing of the hatch. The prisoners found it difficult to breathe and a few men became panicky, only to be quietened by their comrades. One or two men fainted. Witness was in the bottom tier. He did not see all that happened in the hold as it was absolutely pitch black. Throughout this time, no water was supplied to the prisoners. They were not able to get into contact with the Japanese. The P.O.W.s managed to get out of the hold at about 9 a.m. on Oct. 2 by bursting open the cover.

Witness was one of the last to get out. Those who got out first were fired at. The ship was listing heavily and was in a sinking condition. They jumped overboard and tried to swim to neighbouring islands. Some managed to get to the islands and others were dashed to death against the rocks. Witness himself was in the water for about two hours. Japanese ships in the vicinity made no attempt to pick up men in the water. Those who tried to climb up the sides of these ships were fired at and witness actually saw a Marine shot through the thigh.

Witness was eventually picked up at about 1.30 p.m. by a small Japanese boat and taken to Shanghai. He was landed on the side of the river opposite to Shanghai proper. When he and others reached Shanghai, they were taken along to a quay and a number were ordered down into the hold of a ship. Witness remained in his hold from 2 a.m. till 7 a.m. when he was taken on board the "Shinzo Maru." Batches of other prisoners recovered from the islands also arrived. Eventually, all prisoners were mustered on the quayside and given clothes to cover their nakedness.

Affidavits

Captain F. V. Collison, War Crimes Investigation Team, in the witness box, tendered a number of affidavits and statements made by various absent witnesses. Captain Collison also deposed as to the whereabouts of the persons who had respectively made these affidavits and statements.

When the Court resumed after the tiffin adjournment, Major Puddicombe read several statements, and extracts from statements touching upon the first and second charges, giving a general picture of the treatment accorded prisoners of war on board the "Lisbon Maru" and the callous manner in which prisoners in the water were fired at by Japanese soldiers or left to drown. The statements disclosed that but for the fact that Chinese fishing junks began rescuing prisoners swimming in the water, the Japanese themselves would not have done likewise.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 53 of 1946

Hongkong.

Navigational Information.

In future Masters of Vessels will, on request, be provided with Copies of the following at the Harbour Office.

- Hydrographs.
- W.C. Messages for vessels proceeding West of Singapore without calling.
- Hongkong Notices to Mariners.
- Admiralty Notices to Mariners.

Authority: Harbour Master, J. JOLLY, Harbour Master.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 27th August 1946.

CATC Bid For Leadership

Shanghai, Aug. 27.

In a bid to become the greatest Chinese aviation concern, the Central Air Transport Corporation (CATC) is reported to be negotiating with the American Liquidation Commission for the purchase of all surplus American army aircraft equipment stored in the Philippines.

The CATC is today the greatest rival in China to the Sino-American National Aviation Corporation, the nation's oldest air company.

It is semi-officially reported that the CATC is contemplating the purchase of 160 American transport planes which carried on a regular service across the "Hump" during the war and are not grounded in Shanghai.

According to the Central News Agency, official Chinese organ, negotiations in this connection are well under way between the Ministry of Communications and the American authorities.

Among the 150 planes, valued at \$400,000, 70 are said to be in good flying condition. The remainder are reported to need repair and re-equipment.

The CATC at present maintains six air lines—from Shanghai to Hong Kong, Peiping, Tsinan, Lanchow, and Sian, capital of Shensi province.

To cope with its expansion scheme, it intends to recruit pilots among overseas Chinese in the United States.—Reuter.

NOTICE

Government Wholesale Vegetable Market, Kowloon.

Registration of Purchasers.

- The wholesale Vegetable Market, 582, Nathan Road, Kowloon (former premises of Oriental Tobacco Co.) will open on September 15th.
- Sales will be conducted by public auction. Purchasers and bidders must register in advance.
- Applications for registration will be received at the Market Office at above address daily from August 28th, to September 7th. (Sunday excepted) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration is confined to holders of Vegetable Retailers' license and representatives of recognised organisations and institutions.

- Bidders who are not ready to make immediate cash payments must be secured by:
 - Two other licensed retailers, or
 - Two recognised shop owners, or
 - One retailer and one shop owner.
- Representatives of organisations and institutions must produce documentary proof of their authorisation.

7. Registration after the appointed closing date can only be made under special conditions.

W. M. THOMSON,

Acting Director, Supplies, Trade & Industry.

Rating Proclamation

(No. 17)

All returns on Form No. 2 submitted by owners or occupiers under Article 13 of the above Proclamation have now been examined.

Those who have made out a case for relief have been advised of variations in the Rating Assessments.

It has not been possible to write to all those who submitted Form No. 2 and owners and occupiers are now advised that unless they have already been informed to the contrary by letter, no relief or refund is due to them.

All outstanding demands for rates should therefore be paid immediately.

J. RING,

Rating Officer.

Hongkong, 20th August 1946.

INFORMATION WANTED BY WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION UNIT

Will anyone who knows the present whereabouts of Lt. JOSEPH ROBERT HADDOCK, H.K.R.N.V.R., please communicate at once with War CRIMES INVESTIGATION UNIT, "D" Block, Victoria Barracks (Telephone 34048). This information is urgently required.

CHINESE ESTATES LIMITED

First Interim Dividend

NOTICE is hereby given that a FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year 1946 of four per cent, that is \$4.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Saturday, the 31st August, 1946, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The Transfer Book of the Company will be closed from the 28th to the 30th August, 1946, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Wong Woon-Nam

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th August, 1946.

NOTICE

The Rating Office has moved from the Treasury to Windsor House 3rd. Floor, where all communications regarding assessments and notifications under the Rating Proclamation (No. 17) should be sent in future.

J. RING,

Assessor & Rating Officer, Hong Kong, 20th August, 1946.

NOTICE

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R. A. WICKERSON

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 28th August, 1946.

NOTICE

As from the 31st of August, the chancery of the Belgian Consulate General will be transferred to room 313, third floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, Telephone 28400, Post Office Box 767.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, the 30th August, 1946. (Liberation Day)

Hongkong, 28th August, 1946.

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2. The following roads will be closed to Traffic:

1. Connaught Road from Star Ferry to Murray Road.
2. Murray Road from Sea front to Queen's Road.
3. Jackson Road from Des Voeux Road Central to Sea front.
4. Wardley Street from Des Voeux Road Central to Sea front.
5. Ice House Street from Des Voeux Road Central to Star Ferry.
6. Chater Road from Ice House Street to Murray Road.

3. Owners and drivers of vehicles are notified that no parking will be allowed in the following roads between 8.00 hours and 11.00 hours on 30th. August 1946:—

1. Chater Road between Ice House Street and Murray Road, except those vehicles bearing special parking labels.
2. Murray Road from Sea front to Queen's Road.
3. Des Voeux Road Central between Jackson Road and Ice House Street.
4. Ice House Street between Des Voeux Road Central & Star Ferry.
5. Connaught Road between Star Ferry and Murray Road.
6. Jackson Road between Sea front and Chater Road.

L. C. THOMAS, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Island.

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JEWISH AGENCY FAILS TO MAKE UP ITS MIND

London, Aug. 27.

Members of the Jewish Agency Executive in London failed to reach a decision today at a meeting lasting for more than three hours on whether to accept Britain's invitation to the September conference on Palestine.

Those members of the Executive who were in London have left for Paris, Reuters diplomatic correspondent learns on good authority, to continue discussions with Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Agency's chairman.

It is not now expected that a statement on the Agency's position will be out before tomorrow at the earliest.

Britain's invitation to the Jewish representatives is believed in informed quarters to contain two major difficulties from the Jewish Agency's standpoint: 1. That the Jewish Agency definitely wishes to see some of its leaders now in detention in Palestine as members of the conference delegation. The choice of their leaders in prison is apparently still opposed by Britain.

2. That the Jewish Agency wishes to be the body responsible for convening representatives of other—including non-Zionist—Jewish organisations.

It is understood that the British Government intends that invitations to other Jewish organisations should be issued direct from the Foreign Office.

The invitation to Mr. Azzam Bey, Secretary of the Arab League to attend the conference does not yet, it is learned on good authority, constitute recognition of the Arab League as a diplomatic party.

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Maier
1C. Pass 1D. Pass
2NT Pass 3C. Pass
3NT Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. At your next opportunity, you can bid five no-trump, thus giving your partner his choice among slam at clubs, diamonds, and no-trump. The point of bidding diamonds at this stage is to show that your suit is at least five cards in length.

Score 100 per cent for four diamonds, 90 per cent for five no-trump, 30 per cent for six no-trump, 50 per cent for four no-trump.

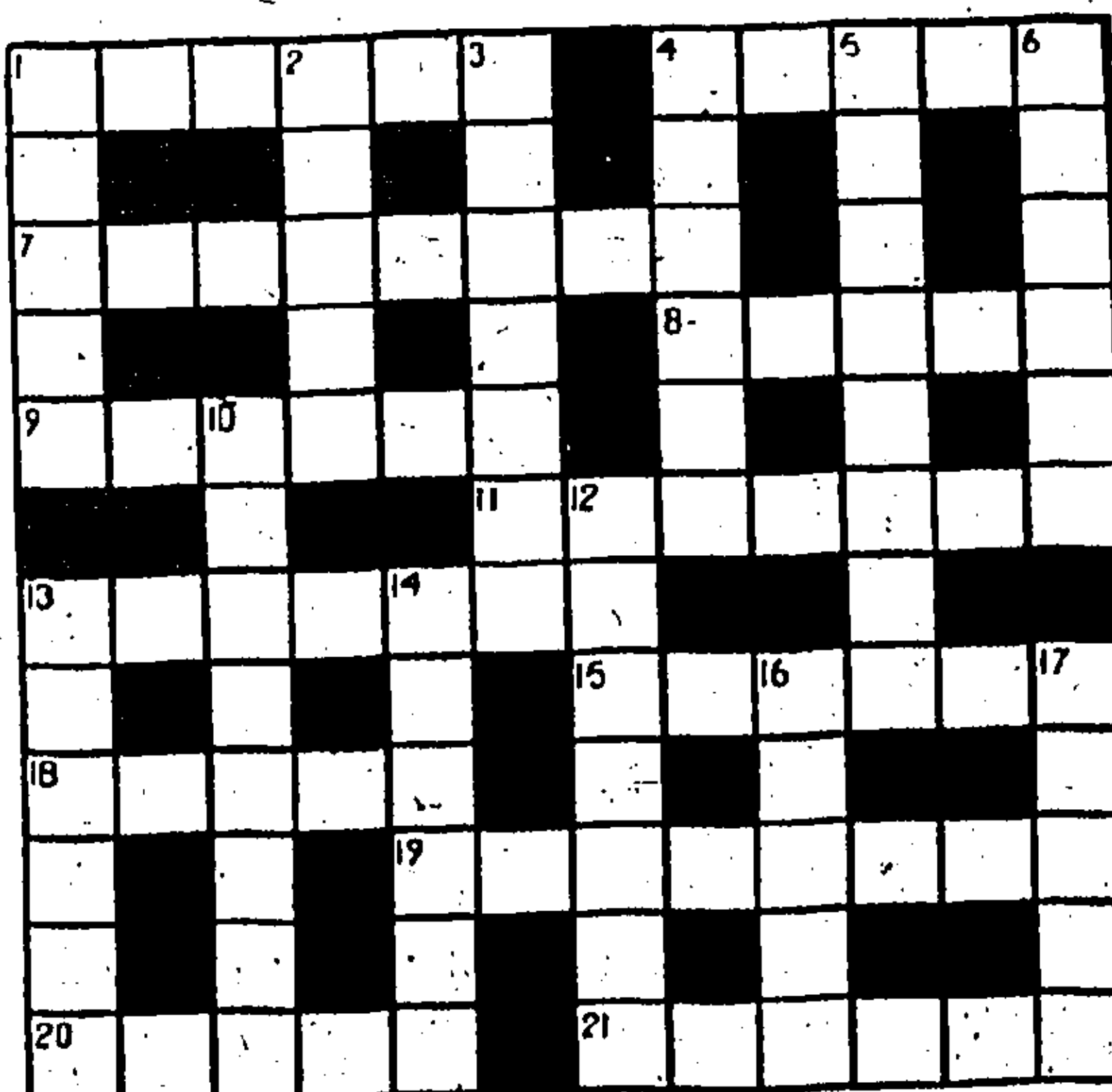
Question

Today you are Merwin Maier's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

S. Q 4
H. K 8 5
D. J 9 4 2
C. K 10 7 3

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1S. Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow).

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Strain.
4. Expects.
7. Space between.
8. Thick.
9. In short supply.
11. Fundamental.
13. Wished for.
15. Compliance.
16. Evil spirit.
19. Fine Particles.
20. Gloomy.
21. Jingle.

Down

1. Teams.
2. Come in.
3. Earnest.
4. Regarded.
5. Turret.
6. Loud shrill cry.
10. Gather to.
12. Very hard stone.
13. Eluded.
14. Hover.
15. Reject.
17. Sample.

Apology To Britain

Prague, Aug. 27.
Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger, Czechoslovakia's Deputy Prime Minister, today expressed the regret of the Czech Foreign Minister at the attack on Britain in last Thursday's official organ of the Czech Communist Party, the "Rude Prava."

No Cabinet member, he told the British Charge d'Affaires, shared the opinion expressed by the paper that the British policy of "divide and conquer" was the real reason behind the bloodshed in Greece, Palestine, India and elsewhere.

A British protest, which was described as "strong," was made to the Czech Foreign Ministry last Friday.—Reuter.

Jerusalem, Aug. 27.
The World Zionist Congress will be held in the Swiss lake-side town of Lucerne at the beginning of December, it is learned from reliable Jewish sources here tonight.—Reuter.

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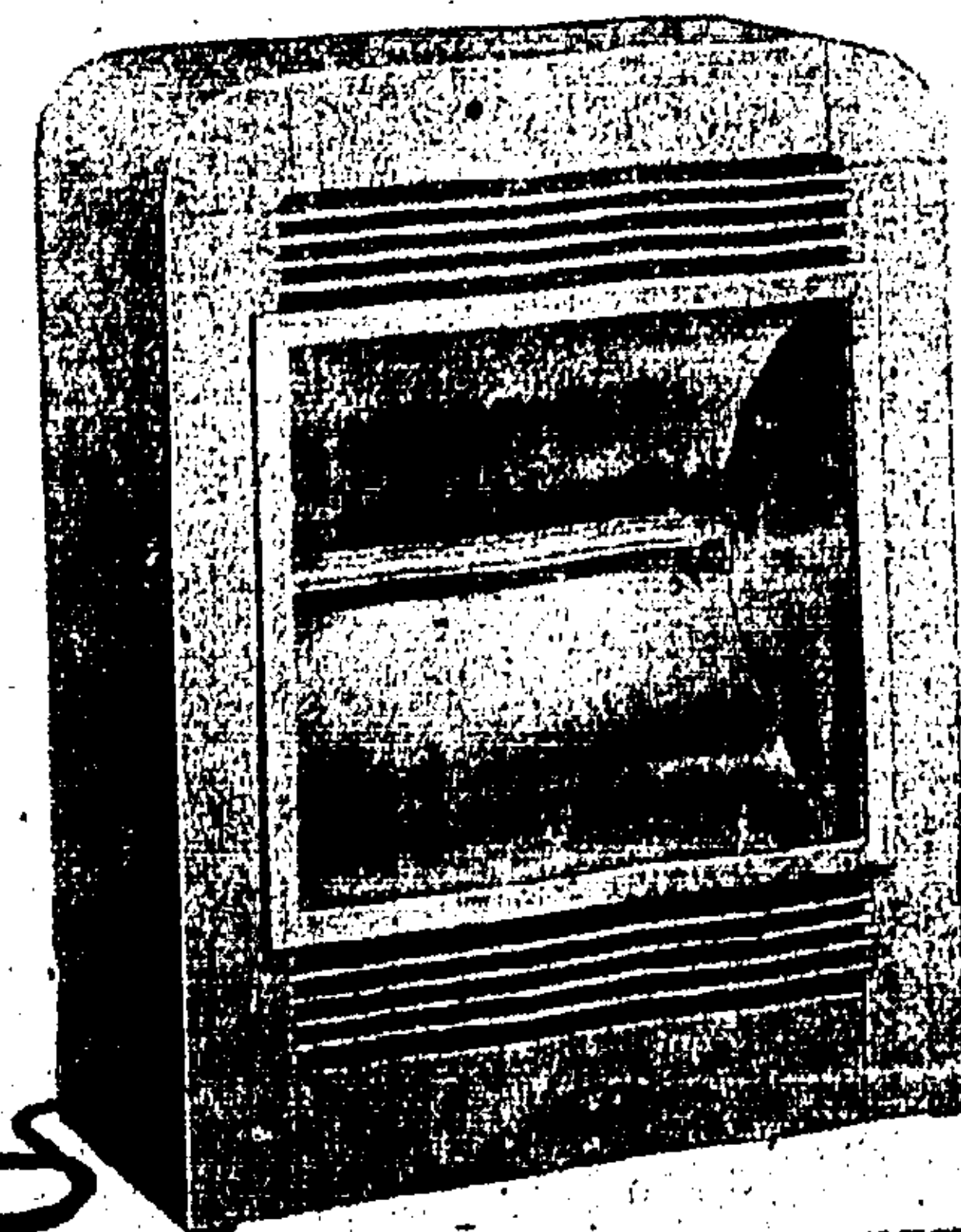
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"KWAISANG" OFF-LOADS

Shanghai, Aug. 28.
The "Kwaitsang" S.N. Co.'s
s.s. "Kwaitsang" which was to
have sailed for Tientsin on
Thursday, is now discharging
all her cargo here before re-
turning to southern waters.
The Jardine vessel was re-
leased clearance by the Chinese
Maritime Customs on the
ground that she was carrying
a commercial cargo in addi-
tion to relief supplies.—From
Our Own Correspondent.

Australia Wants A Voice

Canberra, Aug. 28.
The Australian Prime Minister,
Mr. Joseph Chifley, said in a press
statement he felt that Australia,
as a signatory to the International
Whaling Agreement, should be
consulted on General Douglas
MacArthur's decision to permit
Japanese whalers to operate.
He added that after consulta-
tion with Britain and New Zealand,
he had asked the Australian
representative on the Allied
Council, W. MacMahon Ball,
to place Australia's views before
General MacArthur.—Associated
Press.

INDIA RAILWAY SABOTAGE

Madras, Aug. 27.
Cases of sabotage were re-
ported today from several rail-
way stations in southern India
in connection with the strike
of 20,000 workers and 1,500
station-masters of the South
India Railway, which began on
Sunday.
Fish-plates and the track
were damaged near Villu-
pattur, 100 miles outside
Madras.
The strikers stoned a freight
train bound for Madras with
food supplies with police es-
cort.—Reuters.

TUNIS THREATS

Paris, Aug. 27.
Tunisian trade unionists have
called for a three-day strike
and protested today to M. Geor-
ges Bidault, French Premier
and Foreign Minister, against
the arrest of 52 Tunisian per-
sonalities.
A telegram sent to the French
Trade Union headquarters in
Paris described the arrests as
the "beginning of a truly mon-
strous provocation" and called
for immediate action to "pre-
vent possible grave events for
the present situation is ex-
tremely tense".—Reuters.

"Big, Bold Things" Will Save The World

Copenhagen, Aug. 28.
"The Nations of the world might never agree on
international politics, but there is a possibility
of getting the whole world to cooperate on
food policy, which will do them a bit of good,"
Sir John Boyd Orr, director general of the
Food and Agriculture Organization told re-
porters on his arrival at Copenhagen on Tues-
day.

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mary.
12.32 p.m.—"Romance and Rhythm"
ENSA.
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chestra.
1.30 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast and
Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—"From the Shows"—Light
Opera.
1.30 p.m.—Liverpool Philharmonic Or-
chestra and Heddle Nash.
2.50 p.m.—Close Down.
5.30 p.m.—"Carroll Carries On."
7.00 p.m.—"Picked at Random"—
Variety.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: Hal Lorenzo at the
Piano.
7.50 p.m. Vocal Duets: Anne Ziesler
and Walter Nash.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
8.15 p.m.—"Two Pys"—The Singing
Sisters ENSA.
8.30 p.m.—Paul Walleson and His
Concert Orchestra.
8.45 p.m.—"Musical Sweethearts."
9.15 p.m.—Grand Variety—The Merry

GEN. SEMONOV'S BID FOR MERCY

Moscow, Aug. 28.
Gregory Semonov, Cossack leader and former
Lieutenant General of the anti-Soviet "White
Guard" made a bid for mercy on Tuesday at
his trial on charges of armed struggle, espion-
age, and terrorism against the Soviet Union.

Giving evidence before the
Military Collegium of the
Supreme Court, Semonov said
that after the Red Army vic-
tories at Stalingrad and else-
where, he changed his mind and
secretly began wishing for a
full Soviet victory.

He added, however, that he
was so enmeshed in intrigues
with the Japanese, from whom
he had taken gold and guns for
a quarter of a century to carry
on the struggle with the Soviet
Union in the Far East that he
was unable to act on his new
convictions.

Semonov, who is 56, said he
was closely connected with the
Japanese until the end of the
second world war, in setting up
spy schools, training terrorists
and plotting the future seizure
of all Asiatic Russia.

The Court is presided over
by Colonel General Vassili Ulrich
who presided at Moscow's 1936
trials.

All the defendants have plead-
ed guilty to the charges, which,
in the case of Semonov and
two other defendants, include
one of murdering a Siberian
Bolshevik partisan hero, Sergei
Lazo, by burning him to death
in the firebox of a train engine.

Waited 30 Years

The Russian Government for
nearly three decades waited
for the opportunity to seize the
White guard leader who succeeded Ad-
miral Alexander Vassilievich as
leader of the counter-revolution-
ary White Guardists in Siberia.
Semonov testified that when the
Red Army captured Harbin, he
surrendered to the Russian forces
and he told the examining officers
that he was glad of the Russian
victory. Semonov freely outlined
his 30-year old effort to wrest
power from the Soviet Govern-
ment.

Pale, shabbily dressed, the de-
fendants ranged up to 70 years
of age. Among them is an old
Czarist, Prince Nicolai Ukhtom-
sky, 51. Others when summoned
by the court clerk gave their
names as Bazayevsky, Mikhailov,
Suponov, Bakulevsky, Vlashevsky
and Atyokin. Most of these were
once junior officers in the Czar's
Army.

Defendants were seated on two
rows of chairs ringed by uniform-
ed guards with fixed bayonets.
The small court-room was crowd-
ed to capacity with spectators, in-
cluding a number of Red Army
generals and officers and a num-
ber of well-dressed Soviet civil-
ians.—Associated Press.

STERN GANG SENTENCES

Jerusalem, Aug. 28.
The chief rabbi of Tel Aviv
has received a letter from
Palestine Headquarters saying
that the General Officer Com-
manding is making a careful
examination of the question of
confirming or commuting the
death sentences on 18 members
of the Stern gang.

The letter was sent in reply
to a request for mercy.—Asso-
ciated Press.

H.K. To Have Municipal Govt.

(Continued from Page 1)
I have received a number of
memoranda which are going to be
of the greatest assistance to me
in framing my recommendations.
It was also with interest and ap-
preciation that I observed the
helpful attitude of the Press of
Hong Kong, particularly the en-
terprise of the newspaper which
published a well designed ques-
tionnaire on the subject. The an-
swers to this questionnaire, though
disappointingly few in number,
will certainly be taken into ac-
count with other expressions of
public opinion.

Clear Conclusion

One clear conclusion emerges
from an analysis of all the val-
uable views that have been ex-
pressed. This is that the estab-
lishment of a Municipal Council
and the transfer to it of some
of the functions of the Govern-
ment are generally regarded as
constituting the most satisfactory
method of giving effect to the in-
tentions of His Majesty's Govern-
ment. Certain other suggestions
have been made, but by far the
greater number of comments and
proposals received deal with the
establishment of a Municipal
Council and I feel myself justified
in stating that the proposal is
welcomed by the citizens of Hong
Kong and that my principal task
is now to formulate detailed pro-
posals for bringing such a Coun-
cil into being and for defining its
functions and powers.

In carrying out this task, be-
sides making use of the sugges-
tions which have already been
submitted, I will gladly consider
such further written proposals as
may be received. Moreover I hope
to hold oral discussions from now
on with representatives of differ-
ent shades of opinion on the
various points which have now
to be determined. On very many
of these points the written rep-
resentations already received have
disclosed as was to be expected,
very wide divergences of opinion.

Fundamental

This was in no case more mark-
ed than on the fundamental ques-
tion of the method of selection of
Councillors. Suggestions ranged
from a system of selection by
business, professional and other
representative associations, with
no provision for election by the
votes of individual citizens, to a
system whereby all members
would be elected on a universal
adult franchise limited only by a
residential qualification. It is
clearly impossible to frame a con-
stitution which will entirely sat-
isfy those who hold such widely
divergent views. But what
is possible is to give a lead
for further consideration and dis-
cussion by setting out specific
proposals covering both the ques-
tion of method of selection of Coun-
cillors and so far as possible the
other main questions which have
to be decided. That is what I am
now going to try to do.

Proposals Tentative

I hope that all who hear or read
these proposals will bear in mind
that they are tentative. They may
express, and in most cases they do
express, definite views as to the
best answer to be given to the
questions with which they deal,
but in no case do they express
final or unalterable views. They
are meant to serve, and I hope
will serve, as a basis for discus-
sion, as something upon which
we may in consultation construct
the recommendations which are
to be considered before the end
of this year by His Majesty's

Talking For The Papers

Paris, Aug. 28.
Many delegates to the Paris
Conference are agreed, private-
ly, that a great deal of the talk
which has held up peace pro-
gress might never have been
uttered if the press had not
been at hand to relay speeches
to the folks back home.
• Said a French delegate, "If
you newsmen were not here, the
chances are that we would have
a lot less time-wasting talk
about Greek-Albanian border
incidents, the status of Indian
nationalists in South Africa, and
Latin kinship between South
America and Italy."

The delegate was careful to
explain that he spoke from no
desire to surround the con-
ference in secrecy but merely
from the conviction that "many
delegates, especially from small
countries, use the press to try
to justify their presence in
Paris with the folks back
home".—Associated Press.

48 Members

The Council should consist of
forty-eight persons, of whom
sixteen would be elected on a fran-
chise for Chinese voters, and six-
teen on a franchise for voters of
other races. The remaining six-
teen would be appointed on
nomination by professional and
other bodies, eight by Chinese
bodies and eight by non-Chinese
bodies.
In all sections of the com-
munity the franchise should be
extended to persons of both sexes
who have attained the age of
twenty-five years at the time of
registration, and who are in other
respects qualified. All electors
would be required to be regis-
tered and no elector should be re-
gistered in more than one elec-
toral division.

For the election of the Chinese
members of Council the adminis-
trative area of the Council would
be divided into electoral divi-
sions or wards giving repre-
sentation proportionately, as near
as may be, to the populations
of such divisions.
The qualifications for Chinese
electors might include residence in
the Colony for not less than six
years during the ten years im-
mediately preceding registration,
ability to read and write either
English or Chinese, and a mod-
erate property qualification, such as
payment of rates to the amount
of \$200 a year or payment of
Crown rent to the amount of \$50
a year, or liability for jury ser-
vice or exemption from jury ser-
vice under section 4 of the Jury
Ordinance.

Two Methods

As regards the non-Chinese
electors, if a single register is
formed it would be the aim so to
delimit the electoral areas as to
give an opportunity for fair re-
presentation of the various races
and nationalities. An alternative
method would be to compile sep-
arate registers for the electors of
different races and nationalities.
Qualifications for non-Chinese
electors would resemble those for
Chinese electors, but the residen-
tial qualification might reasonably
be reduced to one year's residence
during the five years immediately
preceding registration.

I will not now attempt to specify
the Chinese and non-Chinese
bodies which would nominate the
remaining sixteen members of the
Council. This is one of the many
questions on which I shall value
advice and suggestions.
Subject to the possession of the
 requisite qualifications, coun-
cillors might be of either sex and
of any race or nationality. No oath
or affirmation of allegiance should
be required of them. No person
under the age of thirty years
should be a councillor. Every
councillor should possess the
qualifications of an elector of his
own race. A councillor elected to
represent an electoral area should
have been resident or have had

SPORTS SECTION Merchant Outwits Essex

Southend, August 27.
One of the most thrilling finishes of the tour gave
the Indian cricketers a single wicket victory
over Essex today, the last wicket pair scoring
the necessary runs and getting the winning hit
in the last over of the match.

From the start it had been a most interesting
struggle and once again the chief honours go
to Merchant.

Twice he was missed by the
rival captain and he remained to
score a brilliant 151 before be-
ing ninth out with the side still
13 runs short of victory.

After his early escapes, Mer-
chant gave a flawless display,
excelling in pulling, and yet also
driving well, cutting and hitting
to leg skilfully while compiling
his eleventh century of the
season.

Modi had helped in laying the
foundation of India's score, but
few expected the side in a day
to score the 370 runs for victory.
Pearce, who had not forced
the follow on the previous day,
tried six bowlers, and Peter
Smith, England player, came
out best with five for 122. He
had one dazzling spell, taking
three wickets for four runs in
18 balls.

Smith throughout maintained
an excellent length, and it is
noteworthy that Merchant and
Saravate had a conference dur-
ing their innings, and Merchant
did the utmost to keep his part-
ner away from Smith who he
realised was a bowler most
likely to get wickets.

Mankad was another excellent
partner for Merchant. The game
developed into a battle of wits
between Merchant and the Essex
attack, and events proved his
tactics succeeded.

Scores were: Essex 303 and
201 for three declared. India

his principal place of business or
employment in that area, for not
less than one year immediately
before the date of his nomination.

Term of Office

The term of office for a coun-
cillor should be three years but a
retiring councillor should be eli-
gible for re-appointment or re-
election. It is for consideration
whether the councillors should re-
tire in a body at the end of each
three-year period, or whether the
one-third of the councillors who
have been longest in office should
retire each year. The former
course would seem the more sim-
ple in practice, while the latter
would tend to give more continuity
in policy.

The Council would elect its
Chairman from among its own
members and it would be perma-
nent for the Chairman. The
salary for the Chairman, other
members of the Council would be
unpaid. It may be assumed that
a great part of the work of the
Council would be performed by
Committees. It would be for con-
sideration whether the Council
should be bilingual, admitting the
use of Cantonese as well as En-
glish into its proceedings. Its re-
cords should certainly be kept in
English.

We have now given some con-
sideration to the manner in which
the Council is to be formed and
said something of the way in
which it might do its work. Let
us now consider what that work
is to be, for undoubtedly the most
important of all the questions that
are before us relates to the func-
tions and responsibilities which
are to be undertaken by the
Council. Like other important
questions it has been answered in
widely divergent ways.

Transfer of Powers

The general conclusion that I
draw from studying the opinions
which are before me is firstly that
a considerable transfer of powers
should be aimed at and secondly
that the transfer should be ef-
fected gradually. On that basis
let me put forward for considera-
tion a list of proposed functions,
all of which might ultimately be
assumed by the new body, and
also my suggestions for the man-
ner in which a gradual transfer-
ence of those responsibilities and
duties from the Central Govern-
ment to the Municipal Council
might be effected.

The following seem to be the
principal matters of which the
Council might properly assume
the direction in addition to all
matters which now come under
the control of the Urban Council,
Public Health and Sanitation,
Education,
Social Welfare,
Public Works and Town Plan-
ning,
Public Utilities,
Fire Brigade,
Parks, Gardens, Places of
Amusement and Recreation
Grounds.

Local Recruiting

Let me now say a few words
about two matters of general prin-
ciple which I have already touch-
ed upon. The constitution of a
Municipal Council will necessarily
involve the transfer to the service
of the Council of a number of
Colonial Civil Servants of all
grades and it will be necessary to
make provision for the protection
of existing pension rights. After
the transitional stage the disman-
tling, discharge and re-employment
of its employees will be a
matter for the Council subject to
the approval by Legislative Coun-
cil.

Lancashire Is Second

London, Aug. 27.
With the first postwar
cricket championship al-
ready in the hands of
Yorkshire, main interest
of the dwindling season
now is centred on the
struggle between Lan-
cashire and Middlesex
for the second place.

Both counties won today and
Lancashire is second with 195
points, four ahead of Middlesex.
Results of games completed to-
day were:

At Northampton: Warwickshire
107 (Sale 57, E. W. Clarke four for 37)
and 189 for eight (E. W. Clarke
three for 35) beat Northampton-
shire 185 (Brooke 80, Hollies
four for 65) and 110 (Hollies six
for 54) by two wickets.

At Lords: Middlesex 469 for
nine declared (Compton 235,
Edrich 147, Gover six for 122)
and 49 for no wicket beat Surrey
150 (Barling 60, Edrich five for
62) and 395 (E. A. Bedser 58,
Barling 122, Bennett 63) by ten
wickets.

At Leicester: Leicestershire
231 (Berry 96, Ridgway five
for 44) and 225 for five declared
(Tompkins 51, Lester 82 not
out) beat Kent 98 (Walsh eight
for 54) and 99 (Lester four
for 22, Walsh six for 53) by
255 runs.

At Worcester: Somerset 171
and 285 (Lawrence 65, Luckes
53) beat Worcestershire 121
(Andrews three for 32, Law-
rence three for 20) and 128
(Weillard five for 56, Hazell
four for 37) by 212 runs.

At Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan-
Nottinghamshire match drawn,
no play on first day owing to
rain. Glamorgan 235 for eight
declared (E. Davies 63, Jones
73, Woodhead four for 24),
Nottinghamshire 100 for nine
(Clay five for 53, Matthews
three for 18).

At Bourne: Lancashire
168 (Knott seven for 72) and
177 for eight declared (G.R.
Edrich 78, Hill three for 27)
beat Hampshire 157 (Roberts
five for 55 and 158 (Price four
for 43) by 30 runs. There was
no play on the first day owing
to rain.—Reuters.

oil of such enactments as may be
necessary. The Council will thus
have the opportunity of giving
effect to the desire which has
been widely expressed, and which
I may say I fully share, that a
greater number of posts in the
administration and better oppor-
tunities for advancement should
be available for locally recruited
persons.

There remains the question of
finance, with which I am not at-
tempting to deal at this stage be-
yond saying that it is clear that
certain revenues should from the
outset be handed over to the Mu-
nicipal Government and that further
transfers of revenue or grants in aid
will be contingent on the assumption
by the Council of responsibility
for transferred services. The aim
will be to ensure that the Munici-
pal Council is supplied with funds
adequate for its requirements,
and, subject to audit and to the
 requisite assent of no Legislature
so far as now taxation is concern-
ed, to give the Council the fullest
possible control over Municipal
finance.

Rating Authority

The Municipality would be the
rating authority and would be re-
sponsible for the assessment and
collection of rates as well as the
collection of certain taxes. It
would be premature at this stage
to attempt to define its relations
with the Port Authority. It is
clear that the two bodies would
require to work together in close
co-operation. Lastly it would in-
duce course be necessary to em-
power the Municipality to float
loans for Municipal purposes sub-
ject to sanction by the Central
Government of its loan projects.

In conclusion I hope that this
outline of a Municipal Constitu-
tion, although it is only an out-
line, has been sufficiently precise
to give to all those who are able
and willing to co-operate in the
framing of our constitutional
changes something to work on,
something perhaps which they
may find acceptable, and some-
thing, even where they disagree,
on which they can base further
helpful and constructive criticism.

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